

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, please amend the third paragraph as follows:

[[The]] Figure 1 is an exploded, cross-sectional view of a respiratory filter, according to the invention; and

Figure 2 is a schematic representation of a respiratory filter as in Figure 1.

Page 3 (as amended on 9/30/06), please amend the last paragraph as indicated below.

With this arrangement, gas moving in a generally straight path parallel to the central axis of the ring-shaped connecting part 1 and tending to move at the interface between the inner surface of the connecting part 1 and the molded piece 2 is intercepted, and diverted, by the tongue 5 towards the molded piece 2 to be filtered thereby. In the event a groove, as shown at 5' in Figure 2, is formed on [[the]] a connecting part [[1]] 1' by reversing the cooperating components on the connecting part [[1]] 1' and molded piece [[2]] 2', the gas moving in this same path is caused to move through the material formed into the groove 5'. The molded piece 2' and connecting part 1', as the molded piece 2 and connecting piece 1, define a unit (U) that can be joined to the adapter 4 as previously described.